could also take the assistance of tarms of auditors. After a thorough assessment ano on being satisfied of the deviations of the members from the codes and standards, the Board would take a final view after giving an opportunity to the concerned bank. The Board will be an organization, established to evaluate and oversee observance of a code of conduct by banks so that there is healthy and virtuous pressure on the banks to provide good customer service on par with best practices. This Board will work in the best interests of the entire banking system and the common person, as customer.

Income tax rebate to patients

†2304. SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the patients suffering from Thalessemia and some other diseases are given some rebate in income tax under Income Tax Act; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Section 80DDB of the Income-tax Act, 1961 provides for a deduction from income up to Rs. 40,000/- (Rs. 60,000/- in the case of senior citizens) to an individual or Hindu undivided family for the treatment of Thalessemia and certain other specified diseases.

The other specified diseases are:—

- Dementia
- Dystonia Musculorum Deformans
- Ataxia
- Chorea
- Hemiballismus
- Aphasia
- Parkinsons Disease
- Malignant cancers
- Full Blown Acquired Immuno-Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS)
- Chronic Renal failure
- Hemophilia.

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